

Please add the following new Claim 35 which reads as follows:

Amend D-17
--35. (New) A method of establishing a secure connection between a provider and a customer, comprising the steps of:

providing a magnetic strip for storing a first set of codes with the customer;

providing a computer for storing a second set of codes with the provider, said second set of codes being identical to the first set of codes;

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receiving a first code from the customer during establishing the secure connection, the first code being selected from the first set of codes;

accessing a second code from the second set of codes;

comparing the first code with the second code, wherein a perfect match is a successful verification; and

preventing further use of the first code by the customer by deleting the first code and the second code.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 and 35 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 33 and 34 without prejudice. New Claim 35 has been added by this Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification and drawings.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because the margins were not deemed acceptable in Figures 3C and 6, and the lines were not uniformly thick and crisp in Figures 1-7. In response thereto, formal drawings are being